

REMARKS

Claims 4-5, 16-17, 40-41 and 48 have been cancelled, without prejudice.

Claims 1, 6, 8, 10-12, 18, 20, 24, 35, 42 and 44 have been amended. More specifically, the amended claim 1 now comprises subject matter of the cancelled claim 5, the amended claim 12 now comprises subject matter of the cancelled claim 17, and the amended claim 35 now comprises subject matter of the cancelled claim 41.

Claims 49-52 have been added to further claim the invention. More specifically, new claim 49 comprises subject matters of the previously presented claim 1 and the cancelled claim 4, new claim 50 comprises subject matters of the previously presented claim 12 and the cancelled claim 16 and new claim 51 comprises subject matters of the previously presented claim 35 and the cancelled claim 40.

Accordingly, claims 1-3, 6-12, 14-15, 18-24, 35-36, 38-39 and 42-52 are currently pending in the patent application.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 103

Claims 1-3, 12, 14-15, 22, 24, 35-36, 38-39, and 46 stand rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Al-Housami (U.S. Patent No. 7,050,814). The Examiner also indicates that claims 4-11, 16-21, 23 and 40-45 stand objected as being depending from rejected base claims but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Such allowable indication is greatly appreciated.

Regarding independent claim 1, it has been amended and now comprises the allowable subject matter of the cancelled claim 5 and accordingly, claim 1 should be non-obvious and patentably distinguishable over Al-Housami.

Regarding claims 2-3, they depend from claim 1, which is believed to be patentable, and thus they should also be non-obvious and patentably distinguishable Al-Housami. *MPEP 2143.03*.

Regarding independent claim 12, it has been amended and now comprises the allowable subject matter of the cancelled claim 17 and accordingly, claim 12 should be non-obvious and patentably distinguishable over Al-Housami.

Regarding claims 14-15 and 22, they depend from claim 12, which is believed to be patentable, and thus they should also be non-obvious and patentably distinguishable Al-Housami. *MPEP 2143.03*.

Regarding independent claim 24, it has been amended and now comprises elements that are similar to those of claim 1, which is believed to be patentable. Accordingly, claim 24 should be non-obvious and patentably distinguishable over Al-Housami.

Regarding independent claim 35, it has been amended and now comprises the allowable subject matter of the cancelled claim 41 and accordingly, claim 35 should be non-obvious and patentably distinguishable over Al-Housami.

Regarding claims 36, 38-39 and 46, they either directly or indirectly depend from claim 35, which is believed to be patentable, and thus they should also be non-obvious and patentably distinguishable Al-Housami. *MPEP 2143.03*.

CONCLUSION

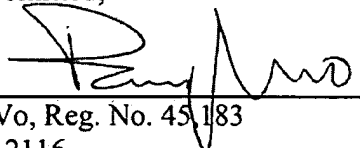
Claims 1-3, 6-12, 14-15, 18-24, 35-36, 38-39 and 42-52 are presently pending in this patent application. In view of the foregoing remarks, each and every point raised in the Office Action dated on May 5, 2008 has been addressed on the basis of the above remarks. Applicants believe all of the claims currently pending in this patent application to be in a condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested. However, should the Examiner believe that direct contact with Applicants' attorney would advance the prosecution of the application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

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